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Subject: Support for Agricultural Water Management Council

The draft water use efficiency program developed by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program relies heavily on the newly-formed Agricultural Water Management Council. This Council can provide a uniform, verifiable, locally directed process for agricultural water management planning, provide a balanced process for review and endorsement of water management plans, and can serve as a forum for the identification and implementation of opportunities for improved agricultural water management.

In order for the new Council to be successful, it will require significant levels of administrative, technical, and financial support. Recently the Council moved to request that CALFED encourage the Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation to provide support, in particular funding, for the Council. I believe it is appropriate for DWR and the Bureau to carefully consider requests for assistance that may come from the Council. If it is successful, the Council offers the potential to further the water use efficiency goals of CALFED and complement the water use efficiency program responsibilities of your agencies.

My staff will continue to work closely with the conveners of the Agricultural Water Management Council to refine the role that the Council can play in supporting the CALFED

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**CALFED Agencies**

**California**  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

**Federal**  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

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Program, and determine the assistance that the Council may need to carry out this role. I will continue to keep you informed as the support needs of the Council are identified.

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